

ed : mourn and weep ; let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of God, and he shall lift you up. The queen of the South shall rise up in judgment with this generation and shall condemn it : for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon : and behold a greater than Solomon is here. And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent, because he hath appointed a day wherein he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained : whereof he hath given assurance unto all men in that he hath raised him from the dead." It was said even in olden time, "Cast away all your transgressions and make you a new heart, and new spirit, for why will you die, O house of Israel, for I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth saith the Lord God, wherefore turn yourselves and live." Ezek. 18 : 31, 32. Many such examples are written by which we may embrace the eternal warnings of God which has been given us for our admonition, but are generally received as the sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. And why so ? Will a sick man not take the remedy prescribed, that he may shine forth in the bloom of immortal health ? "And why despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance, and longsuffering ; and knowing the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance." Rom. 2 : 4. "For a godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of ; but the sorrow of the world worketh death. Repent ye, therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord ; and he shall send Jesus Christ which before was preached unto you, whom the heavens must receive until the times of restitution of all things which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." For Moses truly said unto the old fathers : "A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren like unto me ; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul that will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed from among the people." Acts 3 : 19.

When the great Redeemer of mankind appeared before Pharisees and Sadducees he called them a generation of vipers and asked them, "Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come ? Bring forth fruits meet for repentance." Matt. 3 : 7. Wash ye, make you clean ; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes ; cease to do evil ; learn to do well ; seek judgment ; relieve the oppressed ; judge the fatherless ; plead for the widow. Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord ; tho your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow ; tho they be red like crimson, they shall be like wool." Isaiah 1 : 16.

But now my dear unconverted travelers

to the eternal world, can you not stop and consider for a moment of time whither you are drifting ? You all know you are hastening somewhere, and that there is a sad hour coming when you will make the sudden change from time to eternity. Then there shall be a wedding garment needed, and this will needs be prepared previously, or you will be found without Christ's wedding garment of righteousness, as was the case with one of old, who, when the Master saw him, saw he had not on the wedding garment and he took him, bound him hand and foot, and cast him into outer darkness where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth. When the great compassionate Redeemer was here on earth, he gave many striking illustrations to the children of men in order that they learn their future destiny. And now what excuse can the unconverted make in defense of their neglected duty. Nothing but an eternal loss is written out in the book of God for them, and neglected duty looms up before every son and daughter found unconverted. I beg "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him : the eyes of your understanding being enlightened that ye may know what is the hope of his calling ; and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe according to the working of his mighty power. Eph. 1 : 17, 18, 19.

Let there be light before the unconverted that they may see plainly the Gospel of the Son of God, which leadeth every one into his church. Christ's church is not a defeated institution. No, no ; who is on the Lord's side is under his banner of defiance and it is inscribed, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." And so with Christ to lead us and heaven to look down upon us, and angels to guard us, and the voice of God to bid us forward, our enemies shall fly like chaff in the whirlwind and finally the day will be ours forever and ever.

"Oh, thou that hearest the prayer of faith,
Wilt thou not save a soul from death."

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HIGHER EDUCATION SHOULD BEGIN EARLY

Many parents who desire to give their children the best possible preparation for life, and many young people who are anxious to do the best for themselves in securing the advantages of intellectual training, are asking how early to begin their education. With respect to this matter sad and irreparable mistakes are often made. We are wont to forget that education is a kind of training that cannot be secured any time in one's life. We fail to remember that the youth is a growing, and hence a new creature each day, and that if he is to get education well, or some of it at all, the time of beginning it cannot be postponed. Our great error and prevalent sin here, is to put off long, the beginning of higher intellectual training and to

be satisfied with superficial fact-getting as real education.

When shall higher education begin ? Certainly as early as circumstances permit. The preparatory work for college courses may be begun very early with the best of results. The governing psychological principle is this : in youth, mind is most plastic and impressionable ; then matters of fact, impressions of the world of nature, and general information is most easily secured and most permanently retained ; then tastes for the good and beautiful in literature, art, and religion are most easily implanted ; then aspirations to a noble, sacrificing life are most easily awakened ; then all the materials, tendencies, desires, and habits necessary to the largest intellectual growth, and to development of the best character are most certainly and helpfully acquired. It is a dictum of modern psychology that the cells of the brain begin early to harden, and that soon after the period of youth has passed it is next to impossible to get an absolutely new idea or develop a new taste for anything. Thus it happens that the youth who has not developed an appreciation for nature, poetry, music, who has made no study of science or economics, who has not acquired good moral and intellectual habits, is not at all likely to have much of any of them in his after life.

For a good education a good beginning is of the first importance and very few boys and girls who remain at home until they are seventeen even, have such a foundation. Unquestionably the period of youth is most important in education, and where it is at all possible boys and girls should early have the advantage of careful intellectual training. Sometimes satisfactory progress is made at home in education, but usually not. Professional and business men and their wives are generally too busy to give children the intellectual and moral training needed. Besides, children at home generally have to contend with so many interruptions and distractions that the formation of systematic habits of study, so necessary to successful work is rarely possible. The result is that when these are sent away to a good school for the first time, it is found not only that some things done have to be undone, but that their faculties have been blunted and warped by misdirected efforts, and such bad habits of study have been formed as to give them a positive dislike for books that is difficult to overcome.

A serious mistake is made by sending children to the rural schools beyond the time that these can be useful to them. "One more year at the home school" is a familiar phrase to those who have talked with parents about the higher education of their children. Most rural schools as well as some others are not fitted to give the right kind of training for boys and girls of sixteen years or even less. The result of such attendance is often loss of time as well as positive harm. There is usually a superficial "threshing of the old straw," a taking over of the old things